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## Local and Personal

GIVE STRANGERS THE "GLAD HAND." HOSPITALITY IS A BIG INDUCEMENT TO SOME FOLKS.

William L. Brown went to Dawson on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. F. S. Brown went to Dawson to spend a few days.

H. L. Cox and G. L. McKinney were up from Solano on business last Tuesday.

Send in your subscription for the Spanish American, either English or Spanish edition.

Mrs. Alice N. Drumhiller of Cherryvale, Kansas, is looking over the country with a view of locating.

Benjamin F. Brown, a hustling rancher of Gould, New Mexico, was transacting business in Roy last Friday.

Messrs. Rooney and Cooper returned to their homes in Anadarko, Oklahoma, after spending several days looking about Roy and vicinity.

Mrs. A. S. Bushkevitz left last Thursday for Denver, Colorado, where she goes to place her two younger sister in the Mt. St. Vincent's convent at that place.

V. S. Bushkevitz, John Bodenschatz, A. C. Seiler, George H. A. Blesch and L. S. Brown, returned to their homes in Lemont, Illinois, last Thursday, after locating here.

Don't forget the Leap Year ball given by the Ladies' Primrose Circle, February 14th. Admission \$1.00. Every lady come and bring somebody else's husband or sweetheart.

A. S. Bushkevitz's new office is nearing completion and when finished will be one of the most up-to-date office buildings in the county. He expects to have it ready for occupancy by the first of the month.

John Fogleman and George Lucas brought in a car from Cherryvale, Kansas, last Saturday, loaded with stock, household goods, etc., which they removed to their claims north-east of town.

Last week Mr. Martin of Raton, New Mexico, purchased the Hotel Roy and will continue business in the same place. He expects to run an up-to-date house and invites the traveling public to give him a call.

Ray Tabor and John Tasharski started over-land last Thursday with a printing outfit for El Hispano Americano at Mora. This is the Spanish edition of the Spanish-American published at the county seat.

The large store building of John W. Tyler is nearing completion and the roof is already being painted. Mr. Tyler believes in arranging things in a substantial and up-to-date manner and we would like to see more buildings like the one he is erecting, go up.

The steam drill working near Solano had the misfortune to get their tools caught at a depth of 200 feet, the ground caving from above. They also broke the rope which makes their task doubly hard. We hope they will soon be able to resume work, as we need many more wells in this country.

The following persons filed before U. S. Commissioner A. S. Bushkevitz last week: E. F. Ivey, Ray H. Tabor,

James A. Proctor, Isaac A. Dyke, Horace T. Pittman, Alice N. Drumhiller, William L. Brown, L. S. Brown, George H. A. Blesch, John Bodenschatz, A. C. Seiler, Adam Bodenschatz, George Young, V. S. Bushkevitz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bushkevitz entertained a number of their young friends at their home last Saturday evening. Cards, music, and dancing were the main features of the evening. A very dainty luncheon was served and at a late hour all departed for their homes thanking their hosts for a very delightful evening.

At the organization of the Priscilla Club, held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Alldridge recently, the following officers were elected: Mrs. L. E. Alldridge, president; Mrs. W. H. Willcox, vice president; Mrs. Dr. Brown, secretary; Mrs. Abe Stanton, treasurer. Members—Messrs. Roy, Brown, Evans, Strong, Church, Willson.

John Bodenschatz, George H. A. Blesch, Anton C. Seiler, all of Lemont, Illinois, filed before U. S. Commissioner A. S. Bushkevitz, last Monday. We understand these gentlemen intend to remove immediately to Roy and we are always glad to extend the glad hand to all Illinois people, as they are a valuable addition to any community.

Warren Kinney and wife, Mrs. Lillie B. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. George Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. De Long, all of Cherryvale, Kansas, arrived in Roy last Thursday. They are bringing cars of stock, implements, etc., and expect to remain here permanently. We are always glad to see progressive people, who will help to build up the country, locate among us.

V. S. Bushkevitz, brother of A. S. Bushkevitz, reached here from Lemont, Illinois, with a party of home-seekers last Saturday. The gentlemen composing the party were Messrs. Brown, Bodenschatz, Blesch, Seiler and Bushkevitz. We are always glad to see the progressive farmers and business men of Illinois settling in our vicinity, as that means that the country will be farmed right.

Arrangements have been made by the Ladies' Primrose Progressive Circle to give a Leap Year dance, February 14th. They have appointed different committees, who are now hard at work to make this the most enjoyable of all the entertainments given by the ladies. We hear it rumored that there will be luncheon served and all the men should be on their good behavior so the ladies won't fail to ask us to go.

The Primrose Circle held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. George Tindall and Mrs. Beatrice Landers were admitted as members by a unanimous vote of the circle. The ladies will give a Leap Year dance on the evening of February 14th. All the ladies of the immediate vicinity are expected to be present accompanied by some other ladies' husband, brother or sweetheart. Admittance fee \$1.00. Free lunch will be

served and a very enjoyable time is anticipated.

Special from Delegate Andrews in Washington: "Delegate Andrews today introduced bills for pensions of \$30 each for John W. Irwin and C. C. Seemuller and also a bill for the relief of Ellen F. Carter." This bill introduced by our delegate in Congress, in favor of our townsman John W. Irwin, is certainly a fine one, as no one is more deserving of a pension than Mr. Irwin and we are sure that with the support of Mr. Andrews, the measure will be passed. Mr. Irwin served a number of years in the army and now that he is very old and in poor health, we are sure that there are very few who are as deserving of the help of the government as he.

### PROMINENT YOUNG MAN IS KILLED.

A Pistol Battle in Which Thomas A. Salazar Loses His Life.—E. J. Harmon and Gabriel Gonzales Badly Wounded.—Thomas Salazar Makes Strong Dying Statement.

The unusually quiet and orderly atmosphere, the general feeling that all was well after a week of business was finished in the city, was disturbed last Saturday night by the sound of pistol shots that rang out through the clear air about the hour of 10 o'clock. First a rapid succession of shots, then a short interval, then a few more, and then a final one. Few realized for the time being that deadly leaden missiles were tearing their way into human flesh and that it meant death to Thomas A. Salazar.

After the firing had ceased Deputy Sheriff Wright on the scene, found three men badly wounded. Thomas A. Salazar, Gabriel Gonzales and E. J. Harmon. Tommie had received shots through the left arm, which was broken, and in the left side below the ribs; Gonzales was shot in the right shoulder and his lip was cut by a bullet; Harmon received a bullet through his jaws, which shattered the lower one very badly and fractured the upper one. The wounded men were conveyed to their homes after temporary treatment by Dr. Hopkins at his office.

There is only one eye witness to the beginning of the tragedy, and while he did not know or realize there was going to be trouble and is an important witness, has so far only made a short statement. He says Salazar asked Harmon why he had been following them all evening, and Harmon answered, "Look out! I'll show you," and began shooting. Johnson ran, but the other two could not get away. At the first firing Gonzales got behind Salazar. A sack of eggs, which M. M. Salazar, father of Thomas, had sent him down town after, was found at the corner of Maxwell avenue and Third street, where he fell, then fired at Harmon, which is supposed to be the shot that struck him on the lower part of the jaw and ranged upwards. Just what shot struck Gonzales is not known.

Thomas Salazar was mortally wounded. Drs. Kohlmann and Fleming of Raton, were sent for, but found that nothing could possibly be done to save his life, and at 12 o'clock noon, Sunday, he died.

Monday, Harmon was taken to Raton by Sheriff Littrell, where he will be taken care of for some time at the

Miner's hospital under guard. His wound at first was thought to be fatal, but now it is believed he will recover, although he will be terribly disfigured.

Gonzales will be taken in custody by the sheriff's office as soon as the physician pronounces him out of danger. Now he is improving nicely.

This tragedy is the worst in the history of Springer and is deeply deplored by all. Gonzales has been working for the Santa Fe, was advised soon after his acquittal in the district court of San Miguel county of the killing of A. L. Harmon last August, to leave the city, there being reason to believe that it was best for him as well as the community. He did so, but came back, having been working at Maxwell city, and had only been here a couple of hours when the tragedy occurred. He says he had no gun and it does not appear that he had. E. J. Harmon came to town in the morning, had some trouble with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Victoria Harmon, and S. B. Davis, but not of a serious nature, and is not believed to in any way have led up to the trouble which resulted so seriously. Some are inclined to believe that Harmon was after Gonzales and did not intend to harm Salazar, but this opinion is not general. Tommie made a dying statement which is at present the property of the district attorney's office, and the facts contained therein are not disclosed.

The ball in Gonzales' shoulder has been located, but it is considered unnecessary to probe for it, as it will never bother him. He is out of danger and the wound healing rapidly. It has later been learned that he came down from Maxwell City to move his mother there the next day, and not to remain here, according to first reports.

It is learned from the hospital at Raton that Harmon is rapidly growing weaker, and one of several complications are liable to set in at any time and cause his death in a very short time. He has a powerful constitution, which is in his favor. What nourishment he gets is administered to him through a tube, but in a week he has taken very little.

### PRIZE FOR BEST IRRIGATION STORY.

Territorial Engineer Offers Silver Trophy Cup.

The territorial engineer of New Mexico, Vernon L. Sullivan, will offer a silver cup for the best article on irrigation. Article not to exceed 1,500 words and must be based on actual experience of the writer.

He has already ordered the trophy and it will be placed on exhibition as soon as it arrives.

The object is to improve the present methods of irrigation and it is especially urged that all newspapers will co-operate in advancing this important subject.

### SHERIFF'S NOTICE.

The territorial police force and all officers are exercising great vigilance to see that the new gambling law is enforced and that citizens do not carry concealed weapons. Every one should take notice of these new laws and govern themselves accordingly.

JUAN B. MARTINEZ,  
Sheriff.